



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 046601-5029

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hirokazu ICHIKAWA et al. )  
Application No.: 09/444,869 )  
Filed: November 22, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE READING DEVICE, IMAGE )  
READING METHOD, AND LIGHT )  
SOURCE FOR THE SAME )

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002 (Paper No. 4), the period for response to which extends through January 6, 2003 (January 4 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 13 to read as follows.

1. (Amended) An image reading device that irradiates an object with a light and reads a reflected light, comprising:  
a single light source capable of irradiating a visible light and an invisible light;  
a reading unit that reads the reflected light from the object irradiated with the light from the light source; and